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December 6, 1999

Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining 1594 West North Temple, STE. 1210 P.O. Box 145801 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

RE: Modifications to Pond 001, Willow Creek As-Built Submittal, Plateau Mining
Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, ACT/007/038-98G, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Ms. Littig:

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is herewith submitting further modifications to Pond 001, following the installation of a new primary spillway. The need for initial modifications to sediment ponds 001, 002, 012A and 012B utilized by the Willow Creek Mine were identified during the as-built permitting process.

During the initial installation of the new primary spillway at Pond 001, a zone of coal fines was observed in the area beneath the emergency spillway. Because coal fines do not provide for good embankment material, PMC is submitting an upgraded pond design to remove this material and at the same time, raise the embankment 2.25 feet and the primary and emergency spillways 2.2 feet.

By raising the embankment and spillways accordingly, it will also provide PMC additional holding capacity for its mine water discharge. PMC would like to complete this work within the next two weeks before freezing conditions prevent such work.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Johnny Pappas

Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosures

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Application for Permit Change Detailed Schedule of Changes to the Permit

Title of Change: M	Iodification to	Pond 001,	Willow	Creek	As-Built	Submittal
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Permit Number: ACT/007/038

Mine: Willow Creek Mine

Permittee: Plateau Mining Corp.

Provide a detailed listing of all changes to the mining and reclamation plan which will be required as a result of this proposed permit change. Individually list all maps and drawings which are to be added, replaced, or removed from the plan. Include changes of the table of contents, section of the plan, pages, or other information as needed to specifically locate, identify and revise the exiting mining and reclamation plan. Include page, section and drawing numbers as part of the description.

			DESCRIPTION OF MAP, TEXT, OR MATERIALS TO BE CHANGED
□ ADD	X REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Exhibit 13, Appendix C
□ ADD	X REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Map 23D and 24
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Any other specific or special instructions required for insertion of this proposal into the Mining and Reclamation Plan?

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